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McDuffie County...

Tree removal affecting traffic on US 78 widening project

What: The \$34 million widening and reconstruction of US 78/State Route (SR) 17 will have a slight effect on McDuffie County traffic Tuesday through Thursday for eastbound side tree removal next to the roadway. Reeves Construction Company will work in the area of Huntington Road and Big Creek Bridge this week.

Motorists are asked to use caution, reduce speed and remain alert to changing traffic conditions. There should be a flagging operation with a pilot car as needed.

This project includes the widening of US 78 from SR 43 to Smith Mill Road and construction of four bridges and approaches over Hart Creek and Big Creek. The contract completion date is May 31, 2019. The project is partially funded (\$7.5 million) by the Transportation Investment Act.

When: Tuesday, March 29 through Thursday, March 31 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for right-of-way tree removal

Where: Between Huntington Road and Big Creek Bridge

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